



# Welcome to Knox County Highlights

## 2005 Edition

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## SUMMARY OF KNOX COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

The county's population estimate for 2004 was 38,442, down 2.1 percent from the 2000 Census total. During this same time period, Indiana's total 2004 estimated population of 6,237,569 was up by 2.6 percent.

According to the 2000 Census, 20,311 people twenty-five years of age or over were high school graduates and/or had post-high school education. This amount represented 81.7 percent of the twenty-five and up county population. Of that population, 3,579 or 14.4 percent were four year college graduates or higher. In 2003, of the 359 persons graduating high school that year, 294 or 81.9 percent intended to go on to higher education.

A total of 3,339 workers or 13.6 percent of the workforce commuted into Knox County in 2003. Illinois sent the most workers into the county. Conversely, 2,598 or 10.9 percent of the labor force commuted to work outside of the county. Gibson County received the most workers from Knox County.

The estimated average unemployment rate for 2004 was 4.5 percent, below Indiana's annual average of 5.2 percent. The county's unemployment rate was based on an estimated average residential labor force of 18,980. Of that labor force, 18,120 were employed and 860 were unemployed.

For the year 2004, there were 16,439 jobs at industries within the county. The largest employing industry in the county was education and health services (includes both public and private employment) with 33.9 percent of the total industry employment. Federal, state and local government (includes public education and health services) was second at 27.4 percent.

The industry showing the most growth in jobs over the three year period (since 2001) was manufacturing, increasing 263 jobs or 17.4 percent above 2001. 15.8 percent of employers in the county employed 20 or more workers and those represented 74.2 percent of all employment.

The all industry average 2004 earnings for the county was \$26,504 per year versus Indiana's \$34,693. The county average wage was an increase of 10.2 percent over the 2001 county industry average wage. None of Knox County's 11 North American Industry Classification System super-sectors had annual average earnings greater than the Indiana average for those industries. The county's manufacturing industry had the highest average earnings at \$33,345 per year, with financial activities second at \$32,073, while the industry with the lowest annual earnings number was leisure and hospitality services at \$9,114. The same industries statewide paid an average \$47,638, \$43,304, and \$13,875 per year, respectively.

## POPULATION

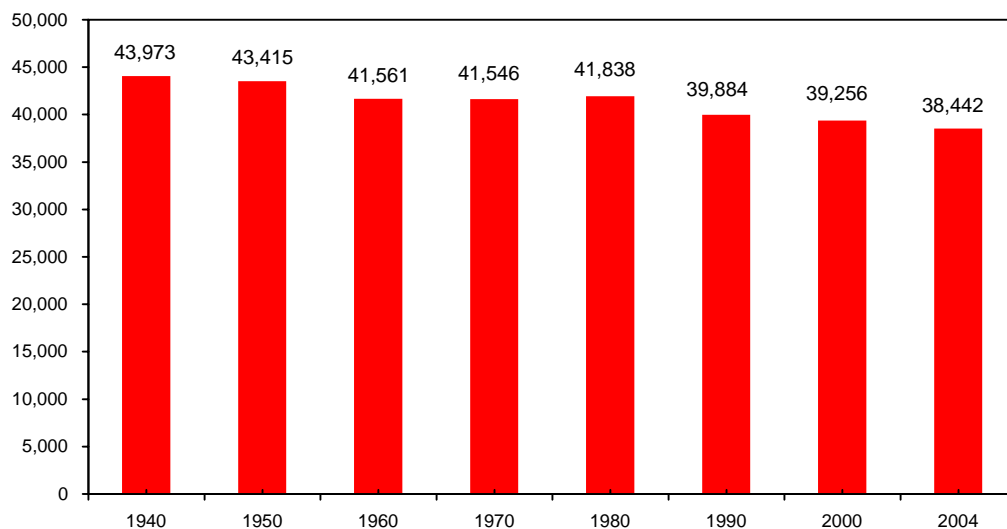
### KNOX COUNTY AND CITY POPULATION

COUNTY & Cities/Towns	1990 CENSUS	2000 CENSUS	2004 POPULATION ESTIMATES	NUMERICAL CHANGE FROM 2000-2004	PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2000-2004
<b>KNOX CO</b>	<b>39,884</b>	<b>39,256</b>	<b>38,442</b>	<b>-814</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>
BICKNELL	3,357	3,378	3,292	-86	-2.5%
BRUCEVILLE	471	469	461	-8	-1.7%
DECKER	281	283	282	-1	-0.4%
EDWARDSPORT	380	363	352	-11	-3.0%
MONROE CITY	538	548	534	-14	-2.6%
OAKTOWN	655	633	614	-19	-3.0%
SANDBORN	455	451	439	-12	-2.7%
VINCENNES	19,859	18,701	18,105	-596	-3.2%
WHEATLAND	439	504	494	-10	-2.0%

### KNOX COUNTY POPULATION

YEAR	POPULATION	NUMERICAL CHANGE	% CHANGE
1940	43,973	160	0.4%
1950	43,415	-558	-1.3%
1960	41,561	-1,854	-4.3%
1970	41,546	-15	0.0%
1980	41,838	292	0.7%
1990	39,884	-1,954	-4.7%
2000	39,256	-628	-1.6%
2004	38,442	-814	-2.1%

### KNOX COUNTY POPULATION



## EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

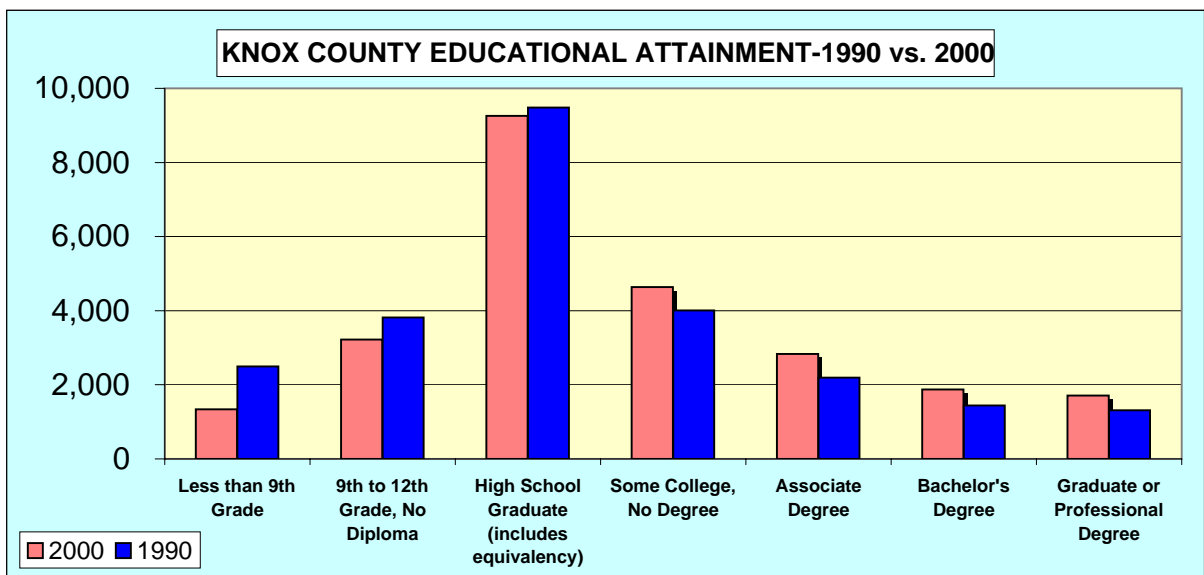
### KNOX COUNTY

#### 2003 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES HIGHER EDUCATION INTENT

EDUCATION INTENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Graduates	359	100.0%
Total to Higher Education	294	81.9%
Four-Year Institution	83	23.1%
Two-Year Institution	208	57.9%
Vocation/Tech. Institution	3	0.8%

#### EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER

EDUCATION LEVEL	1990	% IN 1990	2000	% IN 2000
Less than 9th Grade	2,495	10.1%	1,335	5.4%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	3,813	15.4%	3,219	12.9%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	9,485	38.3%	9,261	37.2%
Some College, No Degree	4,005	16.2%	4,640	18.7%
Associate Degree	2,193	8.9%	2,831	11.4%
Bachelor's Degree	1,439	5.8%	1,873	7.5%
Graduate or Professional Degree	1,310	5.3%	1,706	6.9%
<b>TOTAL - POPULATION 25 YEARS &amp; OVER</b>	<b>24,740</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24,865</b>	<b>100%</b>



Sources: Indiana Business Research Center, Stats Indiana and U.S. Census Bureau.

## COMMUTING PATTERNS

### KNOX COUNTY COMMUTING PATTERNS

Number of persons who live in Knox County and work (labor force)	23,889
Number of persons who live in Knox County and work in Knox County	21,291
Number of persons who live out of and work in Knox County	3,339
Total number of persons who work in Knox County (work force)	24,630

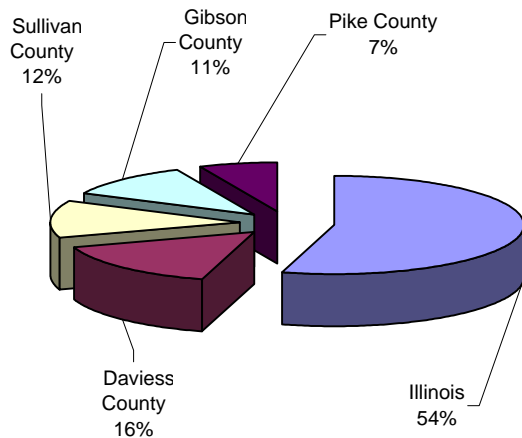
#### Top five counties sending workers INTO Knox County:

Illinois	1,422	
Daviess County	404	
Sullivan County	316	
Gibson County	291	
Pike County	173	
Total of above	2,606	equals 10.6% of work force

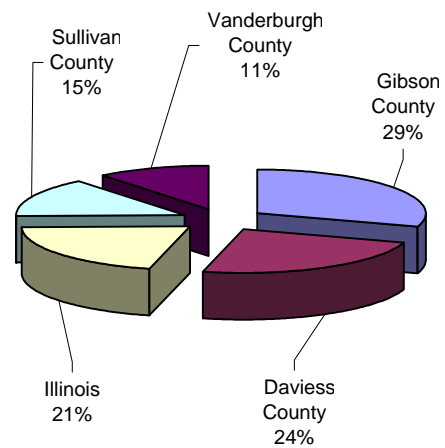
#### Top five counties receiving workers FROM Knox County:

Gibson County	503	
Daviess County	402	
Illinois	346	
Sullivan County	244	
Vanderburgh County	182	
Total of above	1,677	equals 7.0% of labor force

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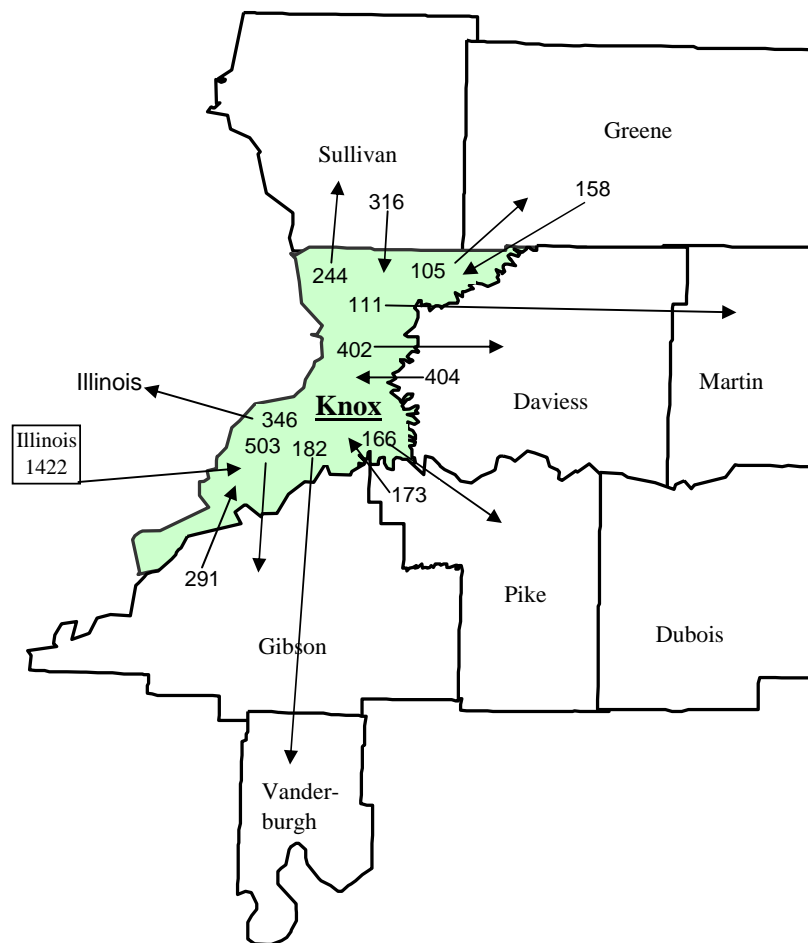


#### Top five counties receiving workers FROM Knox County:



## COMMUTING PATTERNS MAP

### Knox County



Data source: Indiana Dept. of Revenue IT-40 Returns for Tax Year 2003. Report generated by STATS Indiana, January 26, 2005. Counts of under 100 are not included. Commuters to/ from IL, MI, KY, OH, WI, and PA are reported separately and are not included in the 'Out of State' category.

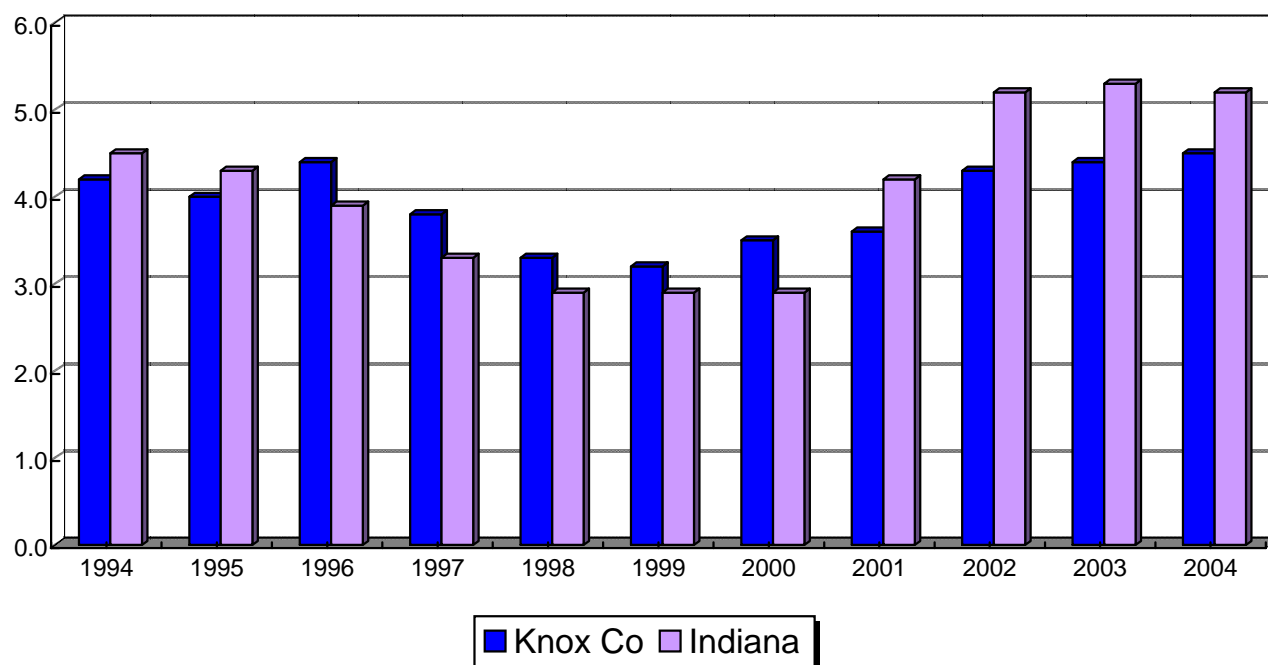
## LABOR FORCE INFORMATION

### KNOX COUNTY LABOR FORCE

(1994 - 2004)

	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	Knox Co RATE	Indiana RATE
1994	20,360	19,500	860	4.2	4.5
1995	20,940	20,110	830	4.0	4.3
1996	21,460	20,510	950	4.4	3.9
1997	20,180	19,410	770	3.8	3.3
1998	19,730	19,070	660	3.3	2.9
1999	19,370	18,760	610	3.2	2.9
2000	19,460	18,770	690	3.5	2.9
2001	19,410	18,700	710	3.6	4.2
2002	19,490	18,650	840	4.3	5.2
2003	19,450	18,600	850	4.4	5.3
2004	18,980	18,120	860	4.5	5.2

### AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE Knox County vs. Indiana 1994-2004



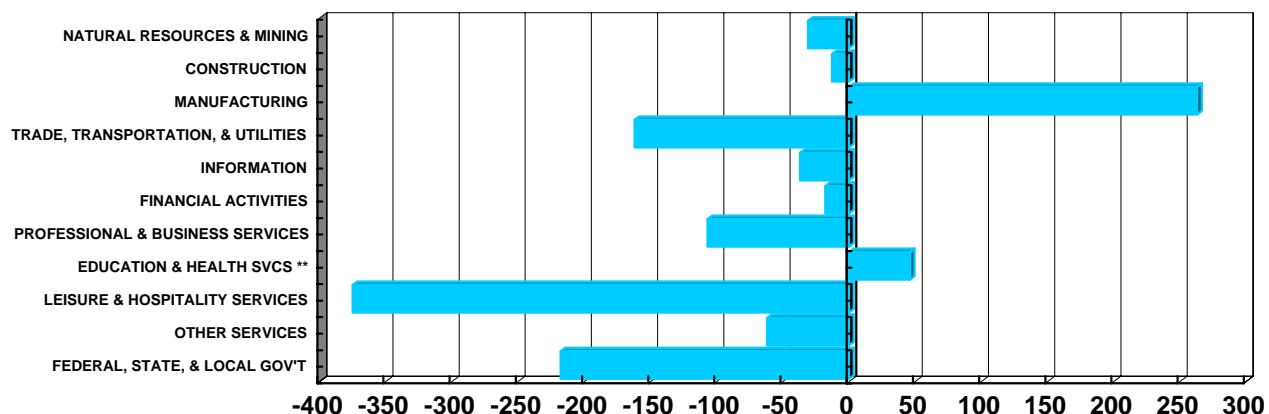
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics and U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.  
Reflects new modeling approach and re-estimation as of March 2005.

# INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

## KNOX COUNTY EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	2004 NO. OF FIRMS	AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT				NUMERICAL CHANGE 2001-2004	PERCENT CHANGE 2001-2004
		2001	2002	2003	2004		
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT **</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>16,935</b>	<b>16,909</b>	<b>16,790</b>	<b>16,439</b>	<b>-496</b>	<b>-2.9%</b>
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES &amp; MINING</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>-31</b>	<b>-4.8%</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	39	321	343	360	401	80	24.9%
Mining	10	323	371	320	212	-111	-34.4%
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>
<b>MANUFACTURING</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>1,513</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>1,772</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>17.4%</b>
<b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, &amp; UTILITIES</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>3,751</b>	<b>3,678</b>	<b>3,661</b>	<b>3,589</b>	<b>-162</b>	<b>-4.3%</b>
Wholesale Trade	58	805	775	743	726	-79	-9.8%
Retail Trade	165	2,104	2,143	2,196	2,120	16	0.8%
Transportation & Warehousing	49	634	594	569	593	-41	-6.5%
Utilities	9	208	165	152	150	-58	-27.9%
<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>-15.0%</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>
Finance & Insurance	58	536	533	526	539	3	0.6%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	35	141	142	120	120	-21	-14.9%
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>-107</b>	<b>-13.8%</b>
Professional & Technical Services	48	190	191	180	168	-22	-11.6%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	5	66	56	40	40	-26	-39.4%
Administrative & Waste Services	36	518	539	438	459	-59	-11.4%
<b>EDUCATION &amp; HEALTH SERVICES **</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>5,528</b>	<b>5,662</b>	<b>5,791</b>	<b>5,574</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
Educational Services **	21	2,217	2,190	2,224	1,992	-225	-10.1%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	126	3,311	3,472	3,567	3,583	272	8.2%
<b>LEISURE &amp; HOSPITALITY SERVICES</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>1,791</b>	<b>1,666</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>-375</b>	<b>-20.9%</b>
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	9	72	74	61	51	-21	-29.2%
Accommodation & Food Services	69	1,719	1,592	1,462	1,365	-354	-20.6%
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>-62</b>	<b>-10.5%</b>
<b>FEDERAL, STATE, &amp; LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>4,722</b>	<b>4,707</b>	<b>4,724</b>	<b>4,504</b>	<b>-218</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>

Change in Knox County Industry Employment  
2001 To 2004



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Notes: 1. Data may not add to total due to rounding, suppression of confidential numbers, inclusion of unclassified data, and duplication of government employment numbers. 2. Industries listed are "private industry" unless otherwise noted.

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment

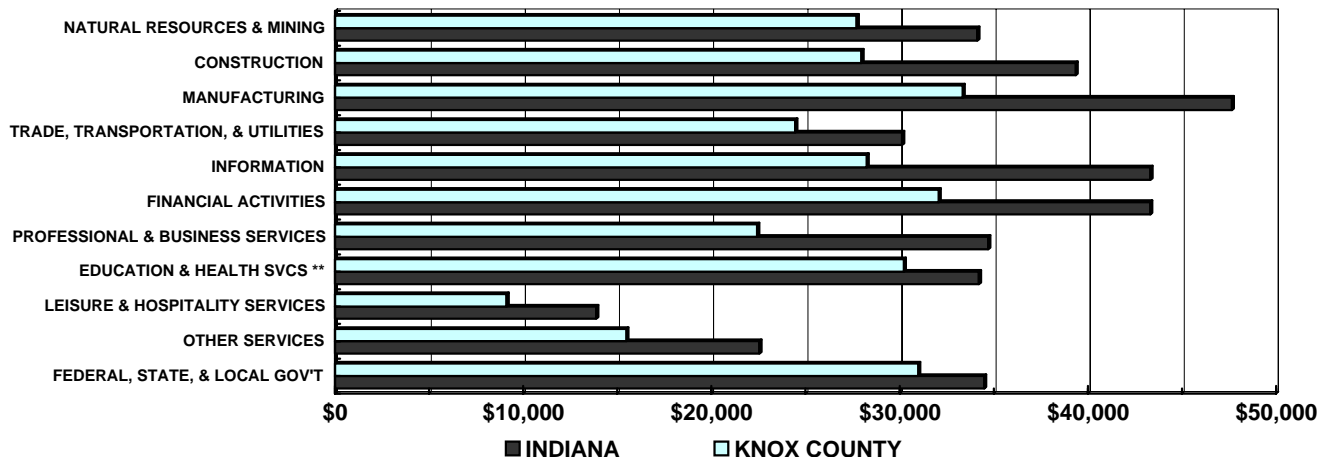


# INDUSTRY EARNINGS

## KNOX COUNTY AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	KNOX COUNTY						2004 KNOX	
	2001 WAGES	2002 WAGES	2003 WAGES	2004 WAGES	CHANGE 2001 to 2004		INDIANA 2004 WAGES	% DIFFERENCE FROM INDIANA
ALL INDUSTRIES **	\$24,051	\$24,854	\$25,249	\$26,504	\$2,453	10.2%	\$34,693	-30.9%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	\$33,150	\$32,079	\$29,342	\$27,706	-\$5,444	-16.4%	\$34,117	-23.1%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	\$17,444	\$15,458	\$15,557	\$15,090	-\$2,354	-13.5%	\$25,490	-68.9%
Mining	\$48,771	\$47,420	\$44,851	\$51,536	\$2,765	5.7%	\$49,836	3.3%
CONSTRUCTION	\$23,154	\$24,699	\$23,983	\$27,970	\$4,816	20.8%	\$39,343	-40.7%
MANUFACTURING	\$31,543	\$32,158	\$32,741	\$33,345	\$1,802	5.7%	\$47,638	-42.9%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	\$22,143	\$22,774	\$23,167	\$24,451	\$2,308	10.4%	\$30,126	-23.2%
Wholesale Trade	\$24,747	\$26,608	\$27,646	\$29,887	\$5,140	20.8%	\$46,107	-54.3%
Retail Trade	\$17,505	\$18,105	\$18,747	\$19,477	\$1,972	11.3%	\$21,445	-10.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	\$27,199	\$26,099	\$25,458	\$26,874	-\$325	-1.2%	\$35,135	-30.7%
Utilities	\$43,538	\$53,385	\$56,475	\$58,904	\$15,366	35.3%	\$62,844	-6.7%
INFORMATION	\$23,336	\$26,847	\$26,963	\$28,247	\$4,911	21.0%	\$43,315	-53.3%
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	\$26,890	\$27,835	\$30,506	\$32,073	\$5,183	19.3%	\$43,304	-35.0%
Finance & Insurance	\$29,674	\$30,755	\$32,888	\$34,740	\$5,066	17.1%	\$48,404	-39.3%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	\$16,315	\$16,871	\$20,066	\$20,142	\$3,827	23.5%	\$28,852	-43.2%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	\$18,726	\$18,579	\$20,423	\$22,428	\$3,702	19.8%	\$34,701	-54.7%
Professional & Technical Services	\$22,849	\$22,375	\$22,682	\$23,778	\$929	4.1%	\$45,324	-90.6%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	\$26,991	\$26,600	\$32,293	\$41,202	\$14,211	52.7%	\$66,811	-62.2%
Administrative & Waste Services	\$16,160	\$16,411	\$18,423	\$20,319	\$4,159	25.7%	\$22,727	-11.9%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	\$28,530	\$29,513	\$29,005	\$30,216	\$1,686	5.9%	\$34,206	-13.2%
Educational Services **	\$29,485	\$30,142	\$28,914	\$31,417	\$1,932	6.6%	\$33,107	-5.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	\$27,889	\$29,116	\$29,062	\$29,458	\$1,569	5.6%	\$34,965	-18.7%
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	\$8,571	\$8,374	\$8,539	\$9,114	\$543	6.3%	\$13,875	-52.2%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	\$9,587	\$8,295	\$8,387	\$7,613	-\$1,974	-20.6%	\$25,802	-238.9%
Accommodation & Food Services	\$8,528	\$8,378	\$8,545	\$9,170	\$642	7.5%	\$11,574	-26.2%
OTHER SERVICES	\$14,774	\$14,661	\$15,054	\$15,481	\$707	4.8%	\$22,543	-45.6%
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	\$28,013	\$29,358	\$29,287	\$30,981	\$2,968	10.6%	\$34,484	-11.3%

## Knox County and State of Indiana 2004 Earnings Comparison



\* NAICS - North American Industry Classification System. \*\* Includes private and government employment in this industry.

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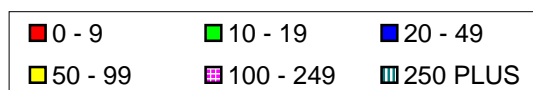
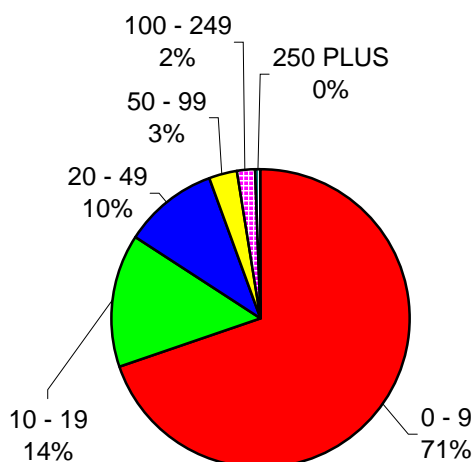
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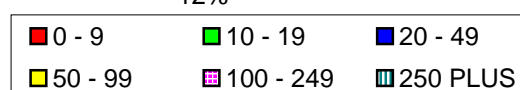
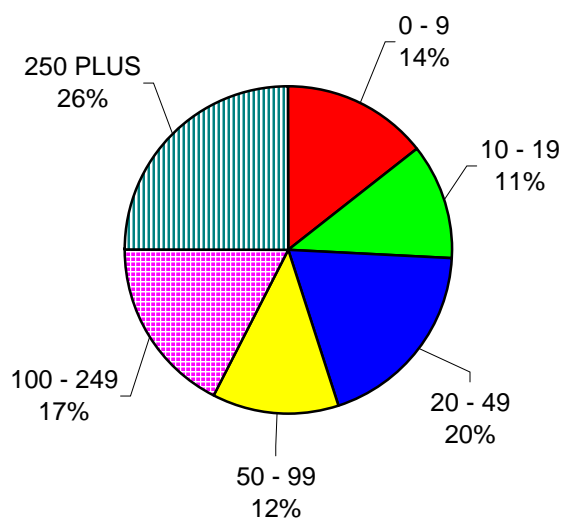
UNIT SIZE (Number Employed)	NUMBER of BUSINESS UNITS 1ST QUARTER 2004	EMPLOYMENT by BUSINESS UNIT SIZE MARCH 2004
0 - 9	703	2,392
10 - 19	146	1,885
20 - 49	103	3,210
50 - 99	31	2,070
100 - 249	20	2,884
250 PLUS	5	4,167
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>16,608</b>

Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

**BUSINESS UNITS by SIZE  
1st Quarter 2004**



**EMPLOYMENT by BUSINESS  
UNIT SIZE  
March 2004**



Source: Covered Employment, Research & Analysis, Indiana Department of Workforce Development



## NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM TECHNICAL NOTES

For over sixty years, industry information has been compiled using the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. Since 1993, the industry data tables in this publication were classified by SIC.

Beginning with the 2002 issue of the Highlights report, new industry data tables are based upon the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Developed jointly by the United States, Canada and Mexico to produce comparable data, NAICS was introduced in 1997 to replace the SIC system. Because of its' scope and complexity, the transition to NAICS has taken three years to complete and is now effective beginning with 2001.

NAICS provides a more specific classification system reflecting the economy's changing industrial composition. NAICS focuses on *how* products and services are created, as opposed to the SIC focus on *what* is produced.

This reorganization has created breaks in the industrial classification time series. Even though, for example, the Manufacturing industry group is still listed, the current statistical data for Manufacturing may not be comparable to what was previously shown.

*Example: An industrial machine company has its employment offices in a separate building. Those workers may now be listed in the Professional and Business Services industry under NAICS, rather than in Manufacturing. The same is possible for other industries.*

NAICS uses a six digit hierarchical coding system to classify all economic activity. NAICS-United States allows for the identification of 1,170 industries compared to the 1,004 found in the SIC system. NAICS classifications are reviewed every three years. For purposes of this publication, we will be classifying economic activities into 11 NAICS 'super sectors' and 15 NAICS sectors.

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The following is a listing of the NAICS 'super sectors' we will be using:

**Natural Resources & Mining** includes agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining.

**Construction**

**Manufacturing**

**Trade, Transportation & Utilities** includes wholesale and retail trade, utilities, transportation, and warehousing.

**Information** includes publishing, motion pictures, sound recording, broadcasting, Internet publishing, telecommunications, Internet service providers, search portals, data processing, news syndicates, libraries, and archives.

**Financial Activities** includes finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing.

**Professional & Business Services** includes professional, scientific, and technical services, management of companies and enterprises, administrative/support, and waste management and remediation services.

**Education & Health Services** includes educational and health services, health care, and social assistance.

**Leisure & Hospitality** includes arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services.

**Other Services** includes repair, maintenance, personal, laundry services and religious, grantmaking, civic, social, and professional organizations and private households.

**Federal, State & Local Government** includes total government employment.

Note: For more information on the North American Industry Classification System, you may refer to the U.S. Census Bureau page on NAICS at <http://www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html>

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